

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 8 has been amended as follows:

A schematic cross-section of a guide device 1 is shown in Fig. 1. The guide device 1 is finished in accordance with a form of implementation not belonging to the scope of the invention. The guide device 1 has one first thread 2 in the form of an elongate hollow body, such as a central hose or balloon in accordance with this form of implementation. It is manufactured from a stretchable, elastic material and closely surrounded on its outer circumferential surface 9 by several second threads 3 in the form of elongate bodies made of wire while leaving a spiral cavity 17. There are five second threads 3 arranged in side-by-side relation with one another around the outside circumferential surface 9 of the first thread 2 in the form of implementation shown in Fig. 1. The second threads 3 are surrounded closely by an outer flexible sleeve 13 which is preferably manufactured from a material which cannot stretch or can stretch slightly in accordance with the form of implementation shown.

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 9 has been amended as follows:

A device 8 is connected to the threads 2 and 3, through which relative movement between the threads can be permitted or extensively impeded. The control device 8 is finished in such a way that the first thread 2 in its stretched condition, indicated with dashed lines in Fig. 1, exercises a radially outward effective pressure in accordance with Fig. 1 (as shown by the Arrows D) and presses the second threads 3 against the inner wall of the sleeve 13, flattening the threads 3 and pressing them sideways against one another. For this purpose, a fluid 19, preferably a liquid, under pressure can be applied to the cavity 18 of the first thread 2, namely the hose or balloon, using the control device 8. The fluid 19 is only indicated schematically in Fig. 1. It is clear that the fluid usually completely fills the cavity 18 of thread 2.

Paragraph beginning at line 9 of page 9 has been amended as follows:

As indicated in Fig. 1, the first thread 2 and several second threads 3 are already in side-by-side contact with each other in the non-stretched condition of the first thread 2, and also the second threads 3 amongst each other. In the stretched condition of the first thread 2 indicated

with dashes in Fig. 1, the first thread 2 and several second threads 3 as well as the second threads amongst themselves preferably lie flat against each other.

Paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 9 has been amended as follows:

Furthermore, it is indicated in Fig. 1 that the outer sleeve 13 ~~exhibits~~ contains a spiral wire 20 wound in the lengthwise direction, only a part of which is shown in Fig. 1.

Paragraph beginning at line 1 of page 15 has been amended as follows:

A further form of implementation of the guide device 1 is presented in a schematic cross-section in Fig. 9. Three wire threads, namely a first wire thread 2 and two second wire threads 3 which have approximately identical cross-sections are located in the outer sleeve 13. In this form of implementation, the control device 8 is finished in such a way that it enables mutual contact or attachment of the basic surfaces 10 facing each other, preferably in the form of teeth 15 indicated only schematically in Fig. 9, for example, in the form of fine little hairs located on the basic surfaces of the wire threads 2 and 3 facing each other and that a separation of the basic surfaces 10 from each other is enabled through

the introduction of a fluid, preferably a liquid or gas, under pressure into the gap 16 between the wire threads 2 and 3. The fluid can equally well be introduced into the ring-shaped inner chamber 14 between, wire threads 2 and 3 and the outer sleeve 13. The mutual contact or attachment of the basic surfaces 10 of the wire threads 2 and 3 facing each other and finished as a partial cylindrical form can be brought about, for example, through the removal of the fluid, preferentially with the application of a vacuum in addition.